



PREDICTIVE SERVICES OVERSIGHT GROUP

PSOG NOTES

January 6, 2023

1000-1130

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Facilitator: Derrek Hartman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair/NICC: Derrek Hartman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NMAC: Shane McDonald
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Co-Chair/GACC: James Tomaselli	<input type="checkbox"/> CGAC: Jake Nuttall	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire Management: Brian Achziger
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire Management: Jennifer Hinckley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OWF: Jason Fallon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FMB: Shawn Nagle
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PS FA: Billy Gardunio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PS Intel: Phillip Selegue	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PS Met: Heidi Strader
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LTP: Nick Nauslar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Admin: Nicki Johnston	<input type="checkbox"/> _____

Additional Attendees: Robyn Hefferman, Cheryl Bright, Stephen Bieda, Heath Hockenberry,

Topic	Presenter(s)	Purpose
Short Term Plan (STP) Update	Nick	Information
Long Term Plan (LTP) Review and Discussion (plus Survey)	Derek/All	Discussion
LTP Path Forward/FMB and NWS Presentation/Handoff	Derrek/Nick/Heath/Shawn/All	Discussion
CGAC Meeting	Derrek/Jake/All	Discussion
Face to Face Meeting	Derrek	Information
Round Robin	All	Discussion

Schedule:

NEXT MEETING: January 20, 2023, 0900-1330

Agenda:

1. Long Term Plan (LTP) Review

Nationally this is a transformative time for predictive services with the House Appropriations Committee tasked NOAA with providing and analysis on what is needed to support incident meteorologist programs. The next step is creating an integrated implementation approach across all agencies on what this is going to look like.

The difficulty is that this issue is much bigger than the predictive services program as shown by House Appropriation Committee involvement in fire weather services, it just needs to be understood at all levels. There are elements of NOAA's tasking within the LTP which could potentially lead to additional support and acceptance during negotiations.

Discussion:

Are the issues stated in the report legitimate? – YES

Does everyone agree on the scope of the plan? – YES with a few proposed changes

Page 10 – Will get push back around having satellite offices at the GACCs for predictive services positions under the national office.





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RAWS in Alaska also has a hard time getting stations serviced and should be included in the plan in addition to CONUS.

Should include a short model portraying the specific current issues, how they will be addressed, and how the solution will be tracked for accountability purposes, including costs and long-term maintenance.

Getting this document out to a broader audience may lead to points being brought to light that weren't initially thought about or included in the plan or it could cause additional push back.

Develop what the minimum standards are in order to be successful as a starting point for conversation and negotiation.

There should be standards for predictive services at all GACCs that are upheld. GACCs are going to want and need oversight of the predictive services positions but there does need to be accountability at all levels to eliminate the creation of additional gaps.

Budget and supervision are going to be the two sticking points.

There seem to be failures in recruitment and retention that also need to be addressed so that the additional positions outlined in the LTP can be filled.

2. LTP Pathway

*Nick will create a shared document so that real-time edits can be made and seen by all PSOG members.

Slow down the roll-out overall and take a "tactical pause."

Fine tune the document within PSOG so it is unanimously supported before it is pushed out to fire managers, center managers, etc. so it has the support needed for success.

Go into the meeting with FMB with everything that you need anticipating negotiation.

3. Survey

Plan to have this out close to when the LTP goes out

4. CGAC Meeting

Derrek and Nick have an hour slot to present a general overview.

5. Face-to-face Meeting

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NIFC – Jack Wilson Building – Fuels Conference Room 225

6. Roundtable Discussion

Heidi – NTR

Billy – NTR

Phillip – NTR

Jim – NTR

Shane - NTR

Brian – NTR

Jennifer – NTR

Jason – NTR

Shawn – Last day is January 29

Nick – NTR

Derrek – NTR

